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YOU A SECOND
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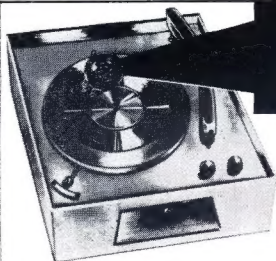
YES... ER...
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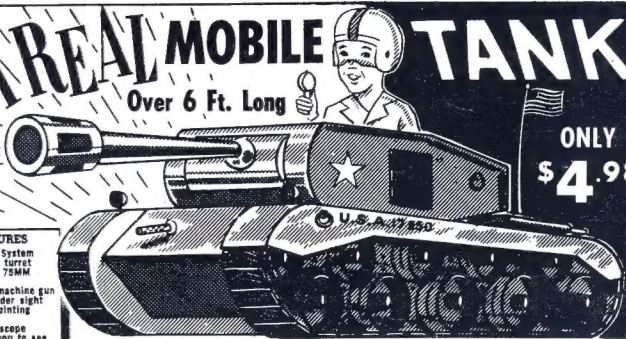
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"IS IT A BIRD?... A PLANE?...
SUPERMAN? NO, IT'S **SUPER-
 KENT!**" SUCH IS THE STARTLED
 CRY THAT RINGS OUT IN METRO-
 POLIS ONE DAY, AS CLARK
 KENT FLIES AND PERFORMS
 SUPER-FEATS! WHY IS CLARK
 OPENLY REVEALING THE
 SUPER-POWERS HE SECRETLY
 POSSESSES AS **SUPERMAN?**
 YOU WILL FIND OUT THE
 ASTOUNDING ANSWER IN...

The REPORTER of STEEL!

WHAT A SCOOP, JIMMY--
 CLARK KENT LIFTING THAT
 TEN-TON **SUPERMAN**
 STATUE! HOW DID HE GET
 SUPER-POWERS?

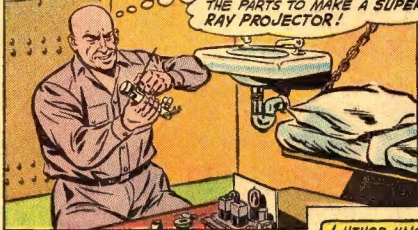
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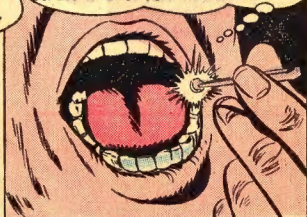
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IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AT METROPOLIS PRISON, THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS OUTLAW... LUTHOR... MAKES USE OF HIS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS!

THE WARDEN ALLOWED ME TO KEEP THIS RADIO! LITTLE DOES HE KNOW I DISASSEMBLED IT AND USED THE PARTS TO MAKE A SUPER-RAY PROJECTOR!

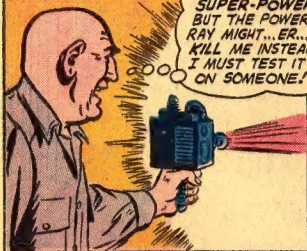


NOW I'LL USE THE TWEEZERS TO REMOVE THE SPECK OF ELEMENT XIUM I HID IN THE FILLING OF THIS HOLLOW TOOTH BEFORE SUPERMAN CAPTURED ME! IT WILL FURNISH SUPER-ENERGY FOR MY DEVICE!



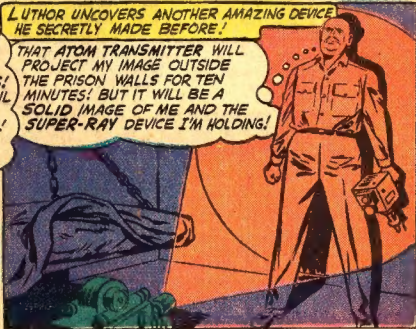
AFTER PLACING THE XIUM WITHIN HIS DEVICE...

IT'S DONE! NOW THIS SUPER-RAY WILL GIVE ME SUPER-POWERS! BUT THE POWERFUL RAY MIGHT... ER... KILL ME INSTEAD! I MUST TEST IT ON SOMEONE!



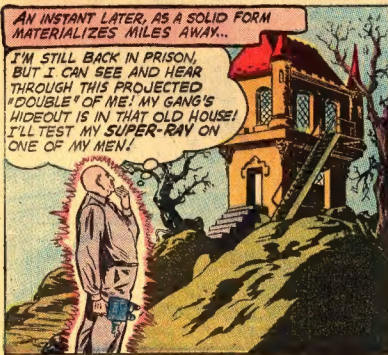
LUTHOR UNCOVERS ANOTHER AMAZING DEVICE HE SECRETLY MADE BEFORE!

THAT ATOM TRANSMITTER WILL PROJECT MY IMAGE OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS FOR TEN MINUTES! BUT IT WILL BE A SOLID IMAGE OF ME AND THE SUPER-RAY DEVICE I'M HOLDING!



AN INSTANT LATER, AS A SOLID FORM MATERIALIZES MILES AWAY...

I'M STILL BACK IN PRISON, BUT I CAN SEE AND HEAR THROUGH THIS PROJECTED "DOUBLE" OF ME! MY GANG'S HIDEOUT IS IN THAT OLD HOUSE! I'LL TEST MY SUPER-RAY ON ONE OF MY MEN!



BUT AFTER CLIMBING THE FIRE-ESCAPE...

THE MOB'S GONE! THEY MUST HAVE MOVED TO ANOTHER HIDEOUT! I HAVE LESS THAN TEN MINUTES TO FIND SOME OTHER GUINEA-PIG!



BY A TWIST OF FATE, TWO REPORTERS OF THE DAILY PLANET ARRIVE...

LUTHOR'S GANG SKIPPED FROM THIS HIDEOUT, CLARK! BUT MAYBE WE CAN FIND A CLUE INSIDE, LEADING TO THEIR NEW HIDEOUT!

AH, MY GUINEA PIG! IF KENT DIES FROM MY SUPER-RAY, WHO CARES? HIM... HE SEEMS UNHARMED!



BUT DID KENT GAIN SUPER-POWERS? I'LL SOON FIND OUT! THIS STONE CORNICE IS LOOSE! I'LL PUSH IT DOWN ON HIM!

LOOK OUT, CLARK... THAT STONE IS FALLING!



IT'LL CRUSH YOU AND... GOODNESS! IT...IT ONLY BROKE APART! WHY, CLARK... YOU'RE INVULNERABLE! THEN YOU MUST BE SUPERMAN!

GREAT SCOTT! MY SECRET IDENTITY IS EXPOSED!



BUT LUTHOR'S PROJECTED FORM REVEALS ITSELF, AND...

UNKNOWN TO HIM, I

ALREADY HAD SUPER-POWERS! DOES HIS DEVICE REALLY WORK?

LUTHOR! HOW DID YOU BREAK JAIL?

NEVER MIND, MISS LANE! JUST LET ME EXPLAIN THAT KENT ISN'T SUPERMAN! MY SUPER-RAY GAVE HIM SUPER-POWERS THAT WILL LAST FOR DAYS!



CLARK GETS HIS ANSWER AS HE GLIMPSES A NEARBY PHENOMENON!

THAT TINY FLY IS SMASHING A SPIDER WEB! IT MUST HAVE FLOWN THROUGH LUTHOR'S SUPER-RAY BY ACCIDENT! IT BECAME A...A SUPER-FLY! THAT PROVES LUTHOR'S RAY CAN WORK ON OTHERS!

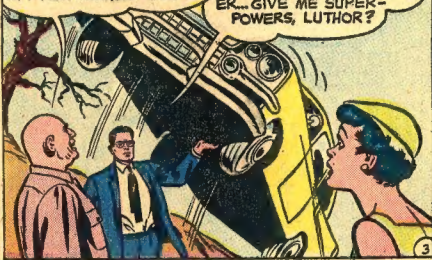


SHORTLY, AT THE CURB...

AS A TEST OF YOUR NEW SUPER-STRENGTH, KENT, LIFT THAT PARKED CAR!

I...ER...HAVE TO PRETEND HIS RAY WORKED ON ME!

BUT JUST WHY DID YOU... ER...GIVE ME SUPER-POWERS, LUTHOR?



BACK IN HIS CELL, LUTHOR SPEAKS FOR HIS PROJECTED IMAGE!

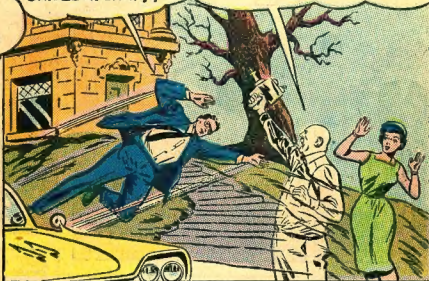
I EXPERIMENTED ON YOU, KENT! IF YOU SHOW NO ILL-EFFECTS FROM THE RAY IN THREE DAYS, IT WILL BE SAFE FOR ME TO GIVE MYSELF A LIFETIME DOSE! HAVING SUPER-POWERS, I'LL BREAK JAIL... DEFEY SUPERMAN...AND RULE THE WORLD!



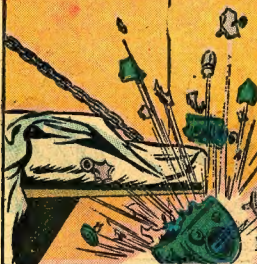
AT THE OLD HOUSE...

SO THAT'S YOUR PLOT! WELL, I'LL SMASH YOUR MACHINE AND HAVE YOU JAILED... UH... ??

HA! HOW CAN YOU JAIL ME WHEN I'M ALREADY IN JAIL? YOU SEE, THIS WAS ONLY A SOLID IMAGE OF ME! IT'S DEMATERIALIZING NOW!



BACK IN HIS CELL, AN INSTANT LATER...



THE ATOMIC TRANSMITTER BURNED OUT! BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO DISMANTLE THIS SUPER-RAY DEVICE BEFORE KENT TIPS OFF THE WARDEN! I'LL PUT THE PARTS BACK TOGETHER AS A RADIO!

WHEN CLARK ARRIVES WITH THE WARDEN, ACCUSING LUTHOR...

WHAT SUPER-RAY PROJECTOR, KENT? YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS! SEARCH MY CELL IF YOU WISH!

HOW COULD HE HIDE IT IN THIS BARE CELL?



BAFFLED, CLARK GIVES UP...

LUTHOR CAN'T...ER...BE ARRESTED! IF HE DECIDES TO USE HIS SUPER-RAY ON HIMSELF THREE DAYS FROM NOW, IT WILL MEAN BIG TROUBLE FOR THE WORLD! WELL, BACK TO THE OFFICE! HMM... MY SECRET IDENTITY ISN'T IN DANGER, SO...



WHEN PERRY WHITE HEARS THE AMAZING STORY...

I'LL TYPE AT SUPER-SPEED!

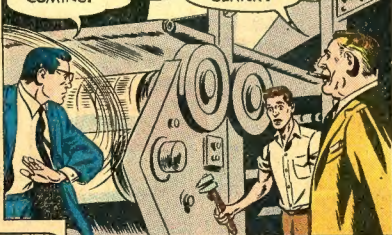
WHAT A SCOOP, CLARK! I'LL PUT OUT AN EXTRA! WRITE A FEATURE ABOUT HOW YOU BECAME THE REPORTER OF STEEL!



LATER, WHEN THE PRESSES JAM AND STOP...

THE POWER FAILED! BUT I'LL SPIN THIS ROLLER AND KEEP THE PAPERS COMING!

WHAT WOULD SUPER-MAN SAY IF HE SAW YOU STEALING HIS THUNDER, CLARK?



HMM... THAT REMINDS ME! ALL OF METROPOLIS WILL BE WATCHING ME FOR THREE DAYS, AND I'LL BE UNABLE TO CHANGE TO SUPERMAN! SO I'LL SEND AN X-RAY BEAM TO THE SECRET CLOSET IN MY APARTMENT AND ACTIVATE ONE OF MY SUPERMAN-ROBOTS! IT WILL PINCH-HIT FOR ME!

UNDER CLARK'S SECRET X-RAY GUIDANCE, THE SUPERMAN ROBOT FLIES TO THE OFFICE...

LOOK, SUPERMAN! CLARK HAS ALL YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

GREAT GUNS! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?



AFTER CLARK REPEATS HIS STORY...

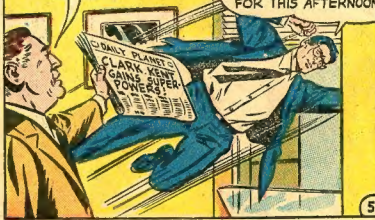
DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE PREPARED TO BATTLE LUTHOR IN THREE DAYS! MEANWHILE, I'VE GOT TO LEAVE EARTH! I PROMISED SCIENTISTS TO EXPLORE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON!

LUCKILY THAT MOON PROJECT CAME UP! WITH MY ROBOT HANDLING IT, I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE MY UNWILLING ROLE AS 'SUPER-KENT'!

LATER...

THIS EXTRA JUST WENT OUT! PEOPLE WILL BE CURIOUS TO SEE YOU, CLARK! THEY'LL PROBABLY MOB THE OFFICE SOON!

HMM... TO PREVENT THAT, I'LL PUT ON A PUBLIC SHOWING OF MYSELF AT THE METROPOLIS BOWL! I'LL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS AFTERNOON!





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LATER, WHEN LOIS AND PERRY ARRIVE TO TAKE IN THE SHOW...

WAIT, PERRY! EVEN IF YOU'RE MY FRIEND, YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN! BUY A TICKET LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! CLARK, ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE MONEY FROM THIS? SUPERMAN NEVER DID!

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SUPERMAN WAS A FOOL TO GIVE FREE SHOWS! I'M GOING TO CASH IN WHILE I HAVE TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS! I CAN BECOME RICH IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS!

GOODNESS, PERRY! CLARK HAS TURNED... UH... GREEDY!

SOON, AS THE REPORTER OF STEEL PERFORMS, WITH PROPS HE PREVIOUSLY PREPARED...

WHAM!

WHAM!

LOOK! SUPER-KENT IS LETTING THAT MECHANICAL MALLET POUND HIM LIKE A NAIL... INTO A SLAB OF HARD CONCRETE!

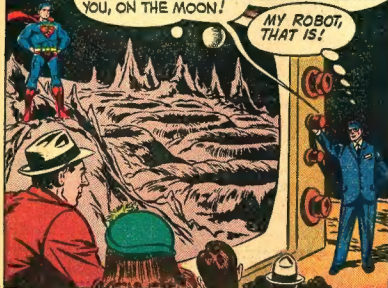
I TREATED MY CLOTHING WITH SUPER-PLASTIC MATERIALS SO IT CAN'T BE DAMAGED!

NEXT, IN A TANK OF WATER...

THIS IS A TWIST ON AN OLD CIRCUS ACT! I PUT MY HEAD IN A TIGER SHARK'S MOUTH!

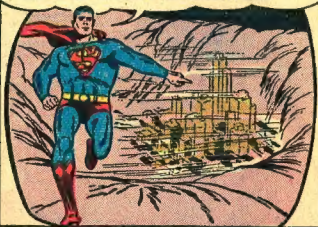
FINALLY... BUT YOU'VE HAD YOUR MONEY'S WORTH FROM ME, FOLKS! I'LL TUNE THIS GIANT TV-SCREEN **SUPERMAN** ONCE MADE! LET **SUPERMAN** ENTERTAIN YOU, ON THE MOON!

MY ROBOT, THAT IS!

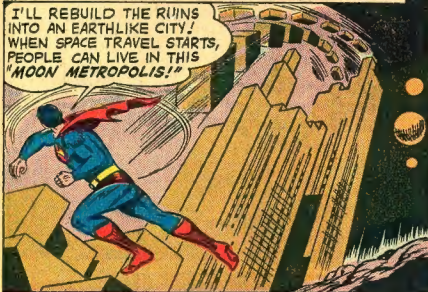


SHORTLY, ON THE TV-SCREEN...

HELLO, EARTH! A SPECIAL SUPER-TV-CAMERA I MADE IS SENDING YOU THESE SCENES FROM THE MOON'S **OTHER SIDE!** I FOUND A CRATER WITH AIR! THOSE ARE RUINS OF A DEAD CIVILIZATION!



I'LL REBUILD THE RUINS INTO AN EARTHLIKE CITY! WHEN SPACE TRAVEL STARTS, PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN THIS "**MOON METROPOLIS!**"



AFTER THE SHOW, AS PERRY AND LOIS SEEK OUT CLARK...

CLARK! AREN'T YOU **ASHAMED** OF MAKING MONEY WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS!



DON'T BE SILLY, LOIS! I WANT MORE... MORE... MORE! TOMORROW I'LL GATHER RICHES MUCH FASTER, OUT AT SEA!

THE NEXT DAY, THE WORLD SEES THE SUPER CLARK KENT GATHER RICHES IN HUGE QUANTITIES!

THIS SUNKEN PIRATE-SHIP IS LOADED WITH GOLD!

MY X-RAY VISION FOUND THIS SILVER DEPOSIT LYING MILES UNDERGROUND!

I GATHERED A MILLION OYSTER-SHELLS! MANY OF THEM HAD PEARLS!



LATER, IN METROPOLIS...

LOOK! THERE'S A PROCESSION OF ARMORED TRUCKS!

BACK, EVERYBODY! SUPER-KENT HIRED THEM TO TAKE HIS TREASURES TO THE BANK! HE'S TOO BUSY MAKING MORE WEALTH TO DO THE JOB HIMSELF!

WHEN LUTHOR SEES THE NEWS...

HMM... I DIDN'T THINK KENT WOULD BE SO MONEY-HUNGRY! BUT WHO CARES, JUST SO HE SURVIVES FOR THREE DAYS, PROVING THE SUPER-RAY IS SAFE FOR ME TO USE!

DAILY PLANET
SUPER KENT COLLECTS SUPER RICHES!

NEXT, CLARK KENT VISITS A COALYARD...

I BOUGHT THIS PILE OF COAL FOR A FEW DOLLARS! NOW I'LL USE SUPER-SQUEEZING TO TURN IT INTO DIAMONDS! IT'S EASY FOR ME TO GET RICH! HA, HA!

BUT PERRY WHITE ARRIVES, AND...

YOUR GREED BLINDED YOU CLARK! SUPERMAN NEVER MADE DIAMONDS IN LARGE QUANTITIES BECAUSE THEN THEY WOULD FLOOD THE MARKET! ALL DIAMONDS WOULD THEN BECOME CHEAP AND WORTHLESS!

HMM... THAT'S RIGHT! WELL, I'LL JUST ADD THESE FEW TO MY FORTUNE!

JUST THEN...

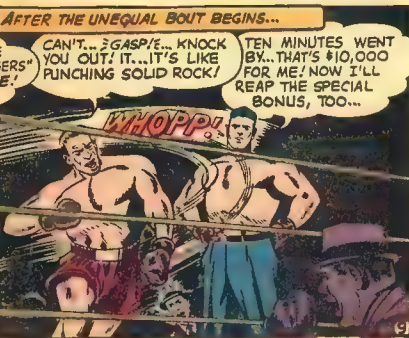
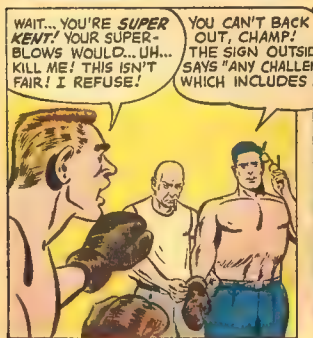
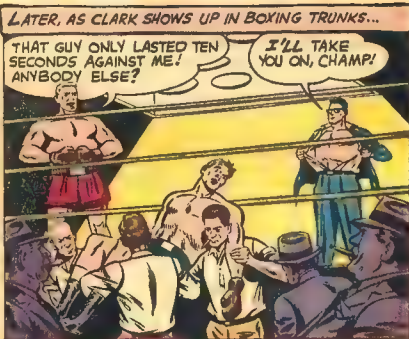
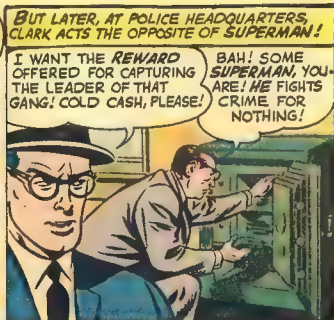
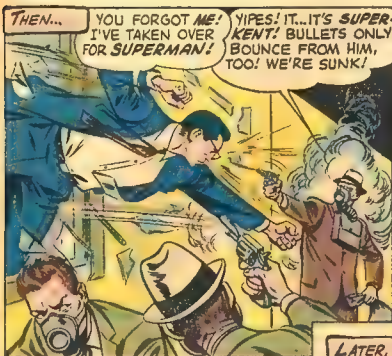
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO EARN MY MONEY HEREFTER! WAIT... MY SUPER-HEARING JUST PICKED UP A POLICE SIREN! MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM BEING ROBBED!

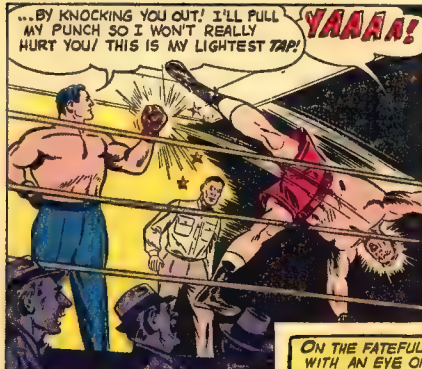
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AT THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM...

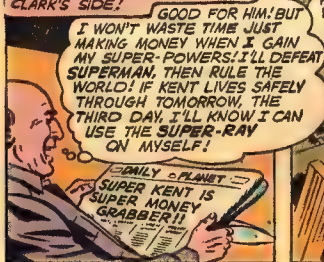
OUR SLEEP-GAS STOPS THOSE COPS! GRAB THE LOOT! NOBODY COULD STOP US EXCEPT SUPERMAN... AND HE'S ON THE MOON! HA, HA!



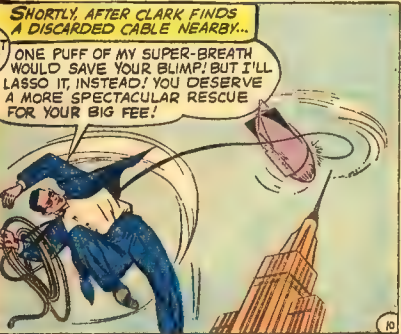
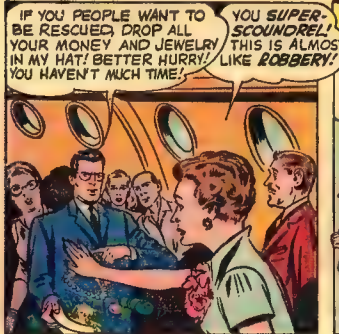
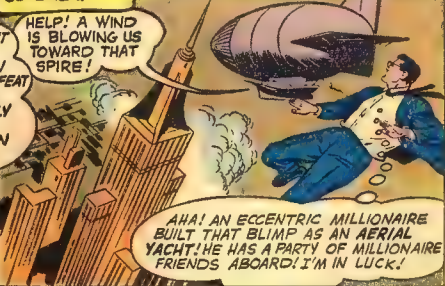




ONLY LUTHOR, IN JAIL, IS ON CLARK'S SIDE!



ON THE FATEFUL THIRD DAY, CLARK PATROLS THE CITY, WITH AN EYE OPEN FOR ANY FURTHER GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME...



AFTER OTHER SUPER-FEATS PAY OFF FOR CLARK, AND HE RETURNS TO HIS APARTMENT THAT EVENING...

HI, LOIS! IN THREE DAYS I'VE BECOME THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH! I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO BANK THIS MONEY, YET!

CLARK, I WAS WAITING FOR YOU! TAKE ME TO DINNER AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS... ER... MYSTERY!

LATER...

CLARK, I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU! WHY HAVE YOU BECOME SO... ER... SUPER-GREEDY?

I... UH... REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF, LOIS! I... I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! SOMEHOW I FEEL COMPELLED TO ACQUIRE WEALTH... AND I CAN'T FIGHT IT OFF!

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ALL THAT MONEY, CLARK? YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY SPEND IT ALL ON YOURSELF!

AHA, I GET IT, LOIS! YOU'RE HINTING I SHOULD SHARE IT... WITH YOU, EH? YOU'RE READY TO SPURN SUPER-MAN AND MARRY ME FOR MY MONEY! YOU'RE A GOLD-DIGGER!

CLARK! HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT?... OWWW! MY... MY HAND! IT STINGS!

I'M INVULNERABLE, LOIS, REMEMBER? BUT NO HARD FEELINGS FOR THE SLAP! I'M CALLING A CONFERENCE OF REPORTERS TONIGHT! YOU CAN COME, TOO!

SLAP!

THAT NIGHT, AS THE REPORTERS ARRIVE AT CLARK'S APARTMENT...

GREAT GUNS! THERE'S HARDLY ROOM FOR US TO SIT DOWN WITH ALL THIS WEALTH AROUND!

LISTEN, ALL OF YOU! IN THREE DAYS, I'VE GATHERED MORE RICHES THAN ANY KING EVER HAD! BUT MY SUPER-POWERS WILL END AT MIDNIGHT! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I INTEND TO DO WITH MY SUPER-WEALTH...





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CLARK PULLS A SUPER-SURPRISE...

PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN YOUR PAPERS THAT I AM DONATING ALL MY RICHES TO VARIOUS CHARITIES! I WON'T KEEP A PENNY FOR MYSELF!

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MARCH OF DIMES.....\$5,000,000
MYASTHENIA GRAVIS.....\$3,000,000
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NOW I SEE, CLARK! LUTHOR'S RAY AFFECTED YOU SO THAT YOU WERE **MENTALLY COMPELLED** TO GATHER WEALTH, SO THAT YOU COULD **GIVE IT AWAY!** LUTHOR'S RAY ACTUALLY MADE YOU **SUPER-GENEROUS**, EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T REALIZE IT TILL NOW! WHAT A STORY!

YES...ONE THAT I WANT LUTHOR TO SEE!

WHEN LUTHOR DOES...

BLAST IT, THE **SUPER-RAY** HAD A **BAD AFTER-EFFECT!** IT MADE KENT SO **GENEROUS**, IT COMPELLED HIM TO USE HIS **SUPER-POWERS** TO GATHER MONEY FOR **CHARITY!** THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN TO ME IF I TOOK A DOSE OF THE RAY!

AS CLARK WATCHES LUTHOR WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...

MY PLAN WORKED! I ONLY

BAH! I WOULD BE **MENTALLY COMPELLED** TO GATHER RICHES AND DONATE THEM TO CHARITY ALL MY LIFE!

PRETENDED I WAS DRIVEN BY SUPER-GREED, WHICH PROVED TO BE **SUPER-GENEROUSITY** IN DISGUISE! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO TRICK LUTHOR INTO SMASHING HIS **SUPER-RAY PROJECTOR!**

NOW TO RECALL MY **SUPER-ROBOT** FROM THE MOON! HE CAN FISH UP **SUNKEN PIRATE TREASURE** AND PAY BACK ALL THE PEOPLE I GOT MONEY FROM! IT WILL EASE MY CONSCIENCE!

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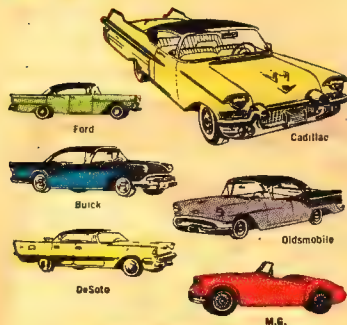
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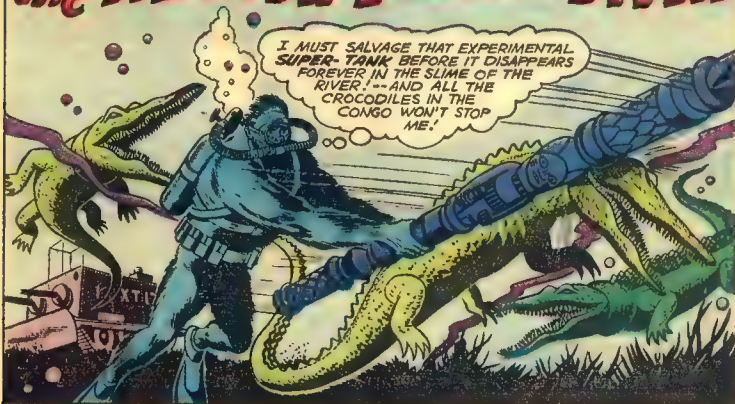
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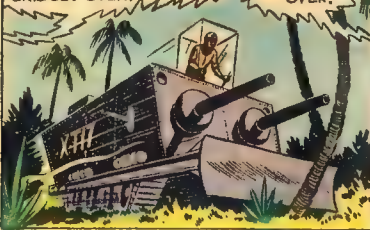
The MAN-APE SKIN DIVER!



ONE DAY, AS FAMED EXPLORER, CONGO BILL, AND HIS YOUNG PAL, JANU, ASSIST A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS AND MILITARY EXPERTS...

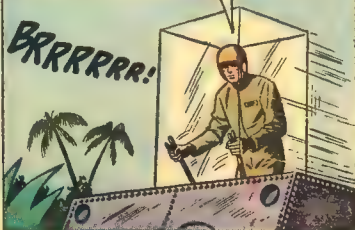
CONGO BILL ON WEST BANK OF RIVER! ALL CLEAR HERE! SEND SUPER-TANK ACROSS BRIDGE! OVER!

ROGER! TANK APPROACHING BRIDGE NOW! OVER!

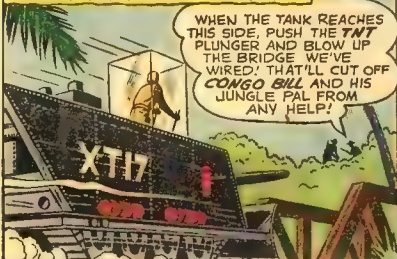


HMMM... FOREIGN AGENTS MUST NEVER GET THEIR HANDS ON THE TANK'S TOP-SECRET ENGINE! THE MOTOR IS POWERED BY AN ATOMIC DEVICE THAT GIVES OFF NUCLEAR ENERGY! IT'S A SUPER-TANK!

BRRRRRR!



BUT EVEN AS THE SCIENTIST VOICES HIS FEARS, FOREIGN AGENTS GREEDILY WATCH THE SECRET WEAPON CLANK TOWARD THE BRIDGE...



WHEN THE TANK REACHES THIS SIDE, PUSH THE **TNT** PLUNGER AND BLOW UP THE BRIDGE. WE'VE WIRED! THAT'LL CUT OFF **CONGO BILL** AND HIS JUNGLE PAL FROM ANY HELP!

HA! HA! THEY'LL BE **BEYOND** HELP AFTER I CUT LOOSE AT THEM WITH MY GUN! THEN WE'LL RIP OUT THE TANK ENGINE AND TAKE IT WITH US!

YES! STEALING THAT ATOMIC ENGINE WILL BRING US IMPORTANT PROMOTIONS IN OUR GOVERNMENT! OURS IS THE KEY SPY JOB OF THE COLD WAR!... GET SET!



BUT AS THE SUPER-TANK GRINDS TOWARD CONGO BILL...

CONGO BILL! THE GOLDEN GORILLA! HE WANDERS NEARBY.

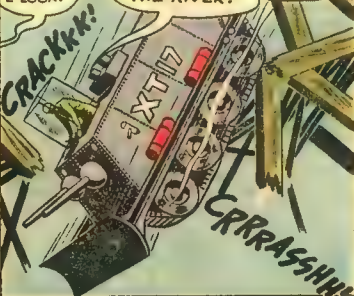


WELL, JANU, WE'RE LUCKY THE APE IS AROUND, IN CASE ANYTHING GOES WRONG AND WE SUDDENLY NEED HIS BRUTE STRENGTH!

SUDDENLY...

GAASP! L-LOOK!

G-GREAT SCOTT! THE BRIDGE HAS COLLAPSED! THE TANK IS FALLING INTO THE RIVER!

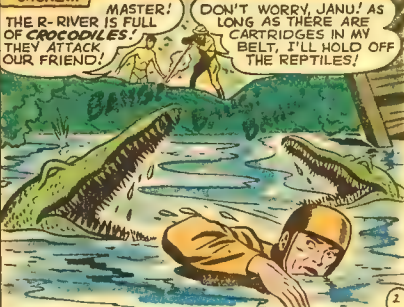


SOON AFTER, ON THE RIVER'S BOTTOM, AS THE ONE-MAN CREW ESCAPES...



S-SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE QUICKLY! THE TANK IS MIRED IN A PATCH OF QUICKSAND! IN A SHORT WHILE, IT WILL SINK BEYOND ANY HOPE OF RECOVERING IT!

BUT AS THE TANK-DRIVER SWIMS FOR THE EAST SHORE...



THE R-RIVER IS FULL OF **CROCODILES!** THEY ATTACK OUR FRIEND!

DON'T WORRY, JANU! AS LONG AS THERE ARE CARTRIDGES IN MY BELT, I'LL HOLD OFF THE REPTILES!

BUT WHEN THE DANGER TO THE TANK-DRIVER IS OVER...

THAT'S RIGHT, **CONGO BILL!** THE TANK IS SINKING IN THE RIVER SLIME! IT'S THE ONLY NUCLEAR TANK IN EXISTENCE! IF WE DON'T SALVAGE IT...

I KNOW, GENTLEMEN! IT WILL TAKE MONTHS TO BUILD ANOTHER WORKABLE ENGINE! IT'S THE FINISH OF YOUR SUPER-TANK EXPERIMENT!



MOMENTS LATER...

YOU HEARD THEM! THE AMERICANS' ATOMIC ENGINE LIES AT THE RIVER BOTTOM... LOST FOREVER! OUR MISSION IS A FAILURE! YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

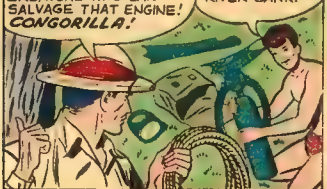
OF COURSE! OUR SUPERIORS WILL THINK WE BUNGLED THE JOB! HELP ME DISCONNECT THIS **TNT** PLUNGER! THERE IS NO POINT HANGING AROUND HERE NOW!



AT THE SAME TIME, NOT FAR AWAY...

TIE ME TO THIS TREE, JANU, AND GAG ME! THEN HEAD FOR THE RIVER WITH THE SKINDIVING EQUIPMENT BROUGHT ALONG FOR EMERGENCIES! THERE'S ONLY ONE CREATURE WHO CAN SALVAGE THAT ENGINE! **CONGORILLA!**

I UNDERSTAND! YOU WILL RUB THE MAGIC RING! AFTER YOUR MIND ENTERS THE GORILLA'S BODY, YOU WILL MEET ME AT THE RIVER BANK!



SOON, AS CONGO BILL RUBS THE FANTASTIC RING, AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE, THE RESULT OF MAN AND BEAST EXCHANGING MINDS...



IF JANU HAS SECURELY BOUND AND GAGGED MY **CONGO BILL** BODY, ALL IT CAN DO NOW IS SNARL AND SQUIRM... BUT IT CAN'T GET INTO MISCHIEF!

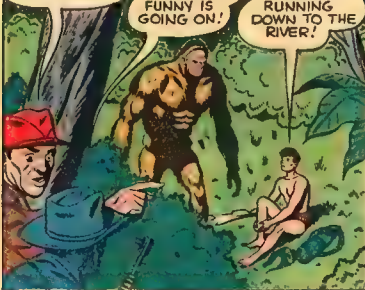
MUMPPPHHH!

SHORTLY, AS CONGORILLA JOINS JANU...

GASP! L-LOOK! IT'S THE JUNGLE YOUTH... AND A G-GORILLA!

SHHH! GET DOWN AND LISTEN! SOMETHING FUNNY IS GOING ON!

HELP ME, **CONGORILLA!** I TWISTED MY ANKLE RUNNING DOWN TO THE RIVER!



IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! THE BOY TALKS TO THE GORILLA AND THE GORILLA OBEYS, AS IF HE HAD **HUMAN INTELLIGENCE!**

HMMM... THIS IS A STROKE OF LUCK! WITH AN INTELLIGENT GORILLA AT OUR BECK AND CALL, PERHAPS OUR MISSION WILL **NOT** END IN FAILURE! COME ON!



SECONDS AFTER...

STAND WHERE YOU ARE, YOU, TOO, GORILLA! YOU UNDERSTAND US! WE HEARD THE BOY ADDRESS YOU IN ENGLISH! ATTACK US AND WE'LL KILL BOTH OF YOU!

3 GASPS!...
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?



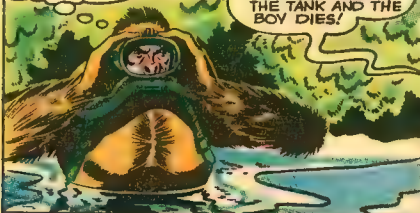
TELL THE GORILLA TO PUT ON THIS SKIN-DIVING EQUIPMENT! THEN TO DIVE TO THE RIVER BOTTOM AND BRING UP THAT TANK! IF HE SURFACES EMPTY-HANDED, WE'LL KILL BOTH OF YOU!

HMMM... THEY MUST BE TWO FOREIGN AGENTS SEEKING AMERICAN MILITARY SECRETS!



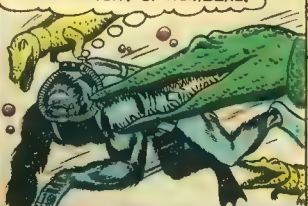
THEY MUST'VE PLANNED TO STEAL THE ATOMIC ENGINE WHEN THE TANK REACHED THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER... AND WERE FOILED WHEN THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED!

HA! HA! LOOK AT THE APE! WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED, SKIN-DIVING GORILLA WILL WEAR! JUST REMEMBER, APE! RETURN WITHOUT THE TANK AND THE BOY DIES!



MINUTES LATER, AS CONGORILLA DIVES TOWARD THE BOTTOM...

UH-OH! I'M THE TARGET OF EVERY CROCODILE IN THE VICINITY! I CAN'T FIGHT THEM OUT IN THE OPEN! THEY'RE BOUND TO GET ME BY SHEER WEIGHT OF NUMBERS!

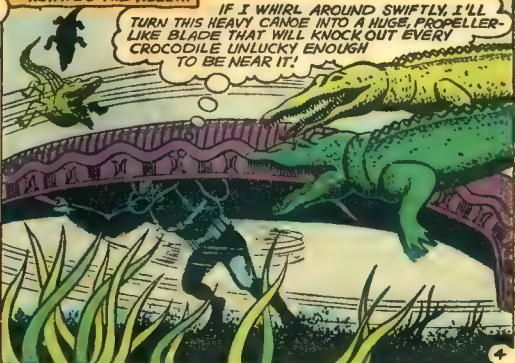


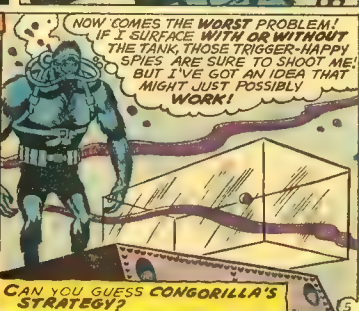
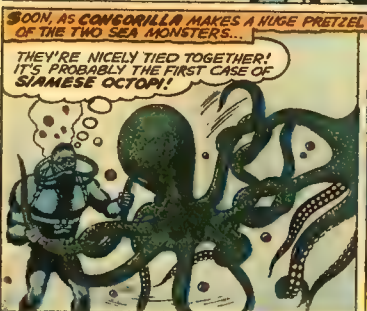
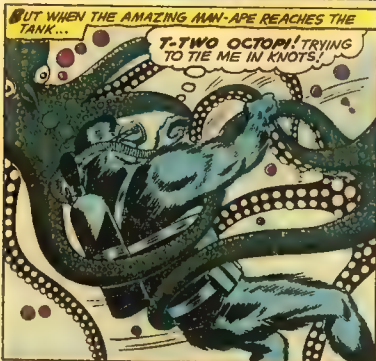
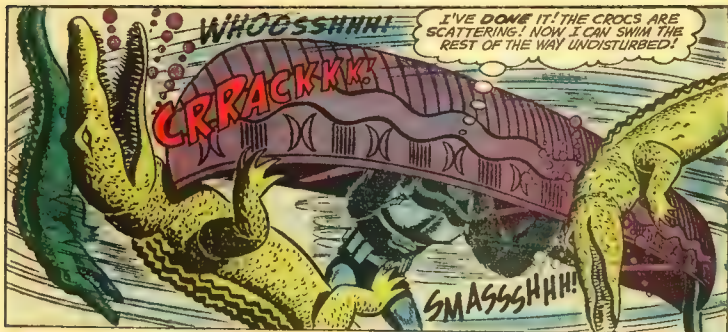
THIS SUNKEN OLD WAR CANOE PROTECT ME! IF I KNOW CROCODILES, THEY'LL BE NOSING ALL AROUND THE HULL!



SUDDENLY, AS CONGORILLA, INSIDE THE CANOE, VIOLENTLY ROTATES THE HULL...

IF I WHIRL AROUND SWIFTLY, I'LL TURN THIS HEAVY CANOE INTO A HUGE, PROPELLER-LIKE BLADE THAT WILL KNOCK OUT EVERY CROCODILE UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO BE NEAR IT!





LATER, AS CONGORILLA SURFACES WITHOUT THE TANK, THE ENRAGED SPIES CUT LOOSE!

I-I'll escape while their backs are turned! They won't find me in the dense jungle!

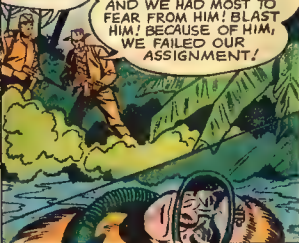
T-THE GORILLA DOUBLE-CROSSED US! KILL THE APE! KILL HIM!

RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT!



THE BOY ESCAPED!

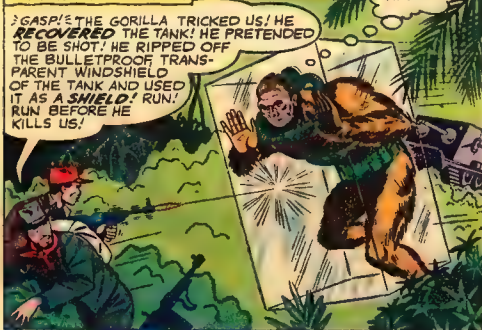
IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW! WE GOT THE GORILLA... AND WE HAD MOST TO FEAR FROM HIM! BLAST HIM! BECAUSE OF HIM, WE FAILED OUR ASSIGNMENT!



BUT PRESENTLY, AS THE TWO SPIES WALK AROUND THE BEND...

GASP! THE GORILLA TRICKED US! HE RECOVERED THE TANK! HE PRETENDED TO BE SHOT! HE RIPPED OFF THE BULLETPROOF TRANS-PARENT WINDSHIELD OF THE TANK AND USED IT AS A SHIELD! RUN! RUN BEFORE HE KILLS US!

HA! HA!



AN HOUR LATER, AFTER CONGORILLA TRAVELS TO A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE RIVER...

JANU IS STILL GUARDING MY TIED-UP CONGO BILL BODY, WAITING FOR ME TO SWITCH BACK! I'LL RUB THE DUPLICATE MAGIC RING ON MY GORILLA HAND AND IN A SECOND I'LL RETURN TO MY HUMAN IDENTITY!



LATER, AS THE TEST TEAM GETS TOGETHER AGAIN...

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE, CONGO BILL! WE WONDERED WHY YOU DIDN'T ANSWER OUR WALKIE-TALKIE!

I WAS TOO BUSY DIVING FOR THAT TANK AND BRINGING IT UP BY MAKING A WINCH OUT OF THAT TREE!

YES, SIR! CONGO BILL MAKE SOME DIVE!

AS CONGORILLA:



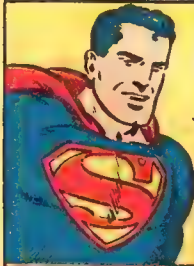
MEANWHILE, THE TWO FOREIGN AGENTS ARE HAVING THEIR TROUBLES...

BUT SIR, IT'S THE TRUTH, I SWEAR IT! WE WERE DEFEATED BY AN INTELLIGENT GORILLA!

IDIOTS! YOU EXPECT ME TO TELL SUCH WILD TALES TO OUR LEADER? WHEN YOU COME BACK, YOU'LL BE SHOT ON SIGHT! OUR LEADER IS NOT SUCH A FOOL AS TO BELIEVE IN AN INTELLIGENT MAN-APE!



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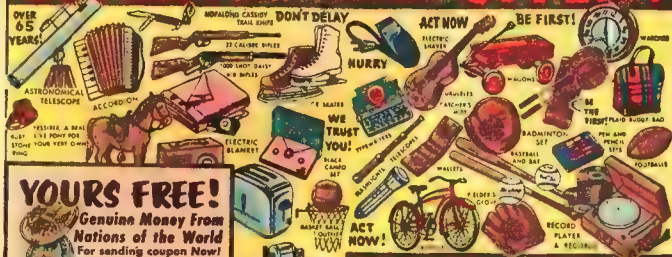
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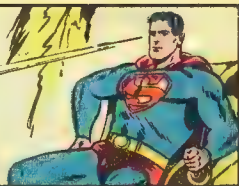
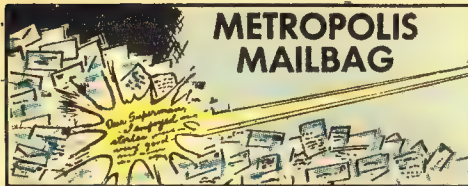
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Dear Editor:

During the past year, you've featured a variety of villains whose names were "Bizarro", "Metallo" and "Titano." Why do all your villains have an "O" at the end of their name?

Jack Van Au, Chicago, Ill.

(The three "O"s you point out are just a coincidence. Luthor doesn't fall into your category. Nor does "Cosmic Man", a sinister villain featured in the next issue.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I think your new character, SUPERGIRL, is great. However, since she lives in an orphanage, why doesn't SUPERMAN ask his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, to adopt SUPERGIRL. Certainly they could be trusted with the secret of her identity.

Walter Coppinger, Jersey City, N.J.

(Unfortunately, the Kents passed away shortly after SUPERMAN appeared in Metropolis. So we'll have to wait and see what Fate has in store for SUPERGIRL.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the story, "The War Between Jimmy Olsen and SUPERMAN", it tells where SUPERMAN has a small city of Krypton in a great glass bell-jar. This reduced city is kept in SUPERMAN'S "Fortress of Solitude." I'd like to know why, if SUPERMAN acquired super-powers when he came to Earth, why didn't the little people in the jar gain them too?

Mike Erskine, Sioux City, Iowa.

(The shrunken city of Krypton retains Krypton's atmosphere, gravitational factors, etc., all on a miniature scale, so that its inhabitants are still in their same environment. It is only if they are able to get outside of the bottle that any of them will acquire super-powers. Similarly, if SUPERMAN were to be reduced in size and enter the bottle, he would have ordinary powers.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I am shocked to think that you could have such poor taste as to portray an orphanage as a place where childless people go to pick out a talented entertainer to adopt! My children

showed me this story in the June issue of ACTION COMICS, in the SUPERGIRL story called "The Secret of the Super Orphan." One of their friends was adopted as an infant, and they asked me what talent a baby would need to have, to please its prospective parents. Also, what happens to the untalented and homely children at this home? Please let us know that this was a "joke" on your part and that children are not valued for their show-business appeal. My kids and I are fans of all your publications. (Please withhold my name.)

Mrs. A. S., White Plains, N. Y.

(Our story was presented as entertaining fiction, and certainly was not intended to offend anyone. We see your point and hope our past record speaks for itself.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Now that SUPERGIRL has turned out to be a hit as well as a "Miss", are you ever going to feature her on the cover again?

Ed Schwerin, Boston, Mass.

(But of course. You'll find the Girl of Steel brightening up the cover of the next issue of ACTION COMICS in a story, "SUPERGIRL'S Farewell to Earth."—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I like reading the series about how Congo Bill changes minds with the "Golden Gorilla" and becomes CONGORILLA. Why don't you work a similar stunt with your character, AQUAMAN, and have him change minds with some sea creature, like an octopus or a whale?

Steven Hubert, Wilton, Conn.

(We once ran a story wherein a villain got control of AQUAMAN and transferred his mind to a variety of sea creatures. We think that takes care of all the mind-switching in AQUAMAN for a while.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

How did Clark Kent get his job on the Daily Planet when he first came to Metropolis?

Michael Darrow, Chicago, Ill.

(See the November issue of SUPERMAN, which features an "Untold Tale" that tells all regarding this question.—Ed.)



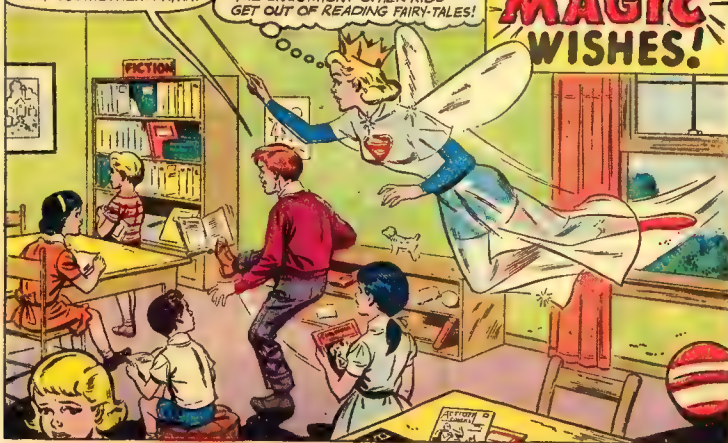
SUPERGIRL

WHO CAN FORGET SUCH THRILLING FAIRY TALES AS SNOW WHITE AND HER MAGIC MIRROR? PINOCCHIO AND HIS LONG NOSE? OR CINDERELLA AND HER FAIRY GODMOTHER? THE CHILDREN AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE WILL REMEMBER THEM A LONG TIME... FOR THOSE TALES OF FAIRY MAGIC SEEM TO COME TRUE ONE DAY! YOU CAN GUESS THAT SUPERGIRL IS BEHIND IT, WITH A SPECIAL REASON FOR FULFILLING...

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BAH! ALL FAIRY TALES ARE SILLY, ESPECIALLY THE ONE ABOUT CINDERELLA AND HER FAIRY GODMOTHER! HA, HA!

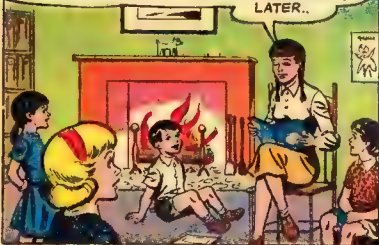
THAT'S MY CUE TO FLY IN! TOM BAXTER NEEDS A SHOCK FOR HIS BAD BEHAVIOR! HE'S SPOILING THE ENJOYMENT OTHER KIDS GET OUT OF READING FAIRY TALES!



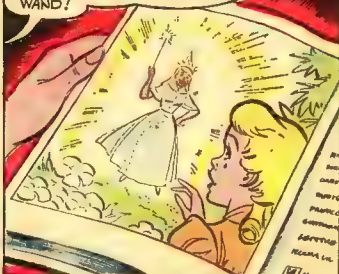
AT THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE ONE DAY, LINDA LEE READS TO THE YOUNGER CHILDREN...

...SO WHILE

POOR CINDERELLA DID ALL THE HOUSEWORK, HER SELFISH STEPSISTERS WENT TO THE PRINCE'S BALL! AS CINDERELLA SAT WEEPING IN THE GARDEN LATER...

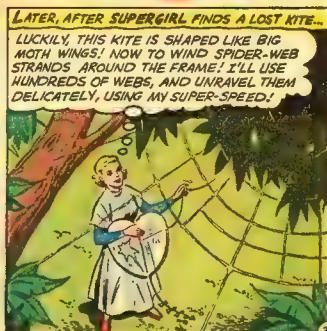
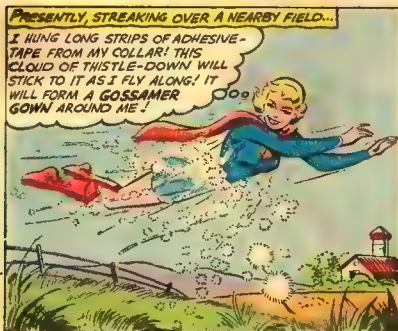
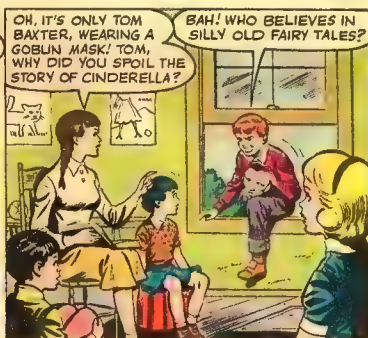


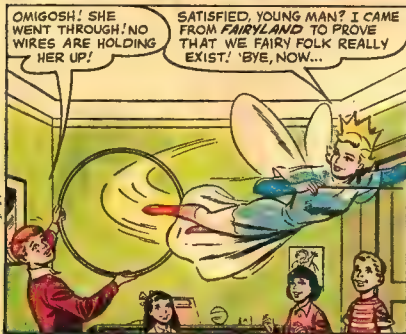
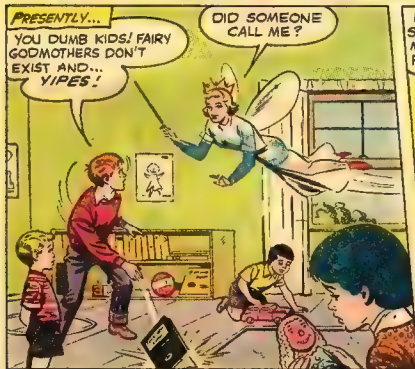
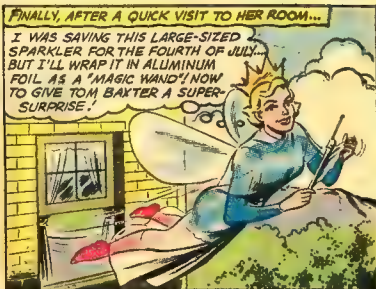
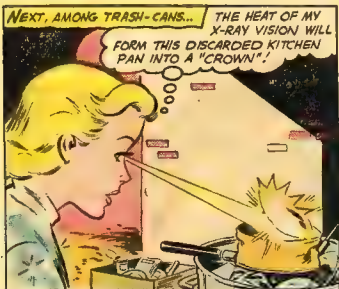
...THERE WAS A FLASH OF LIGHT AND DOWN FLEW THE FAIRY GODMOTHER WITH HER MAGIC WAND!





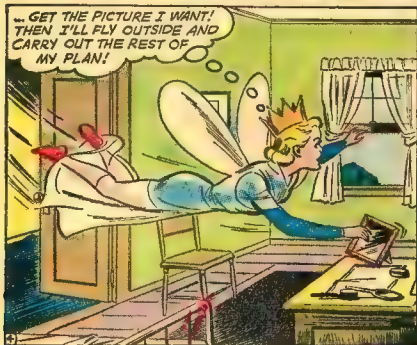
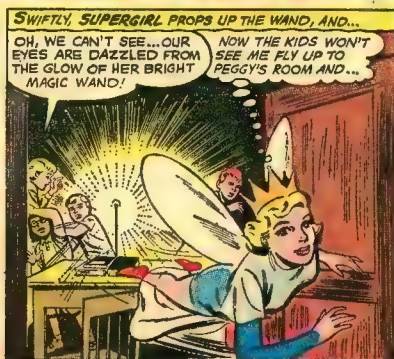
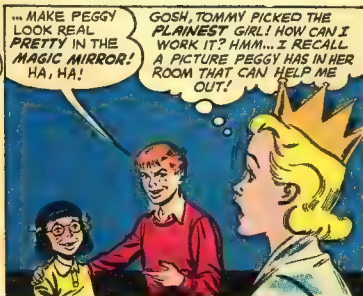
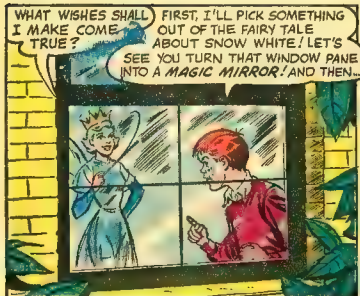
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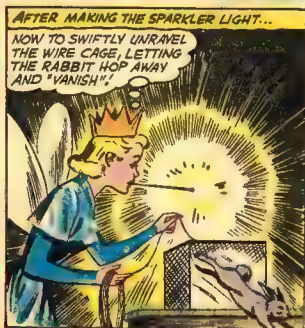
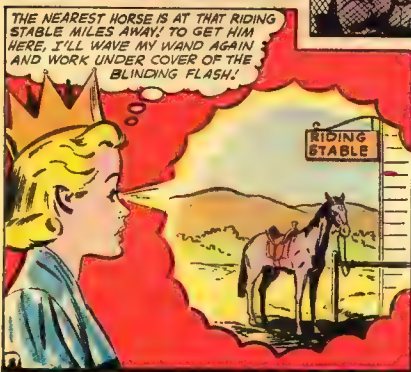
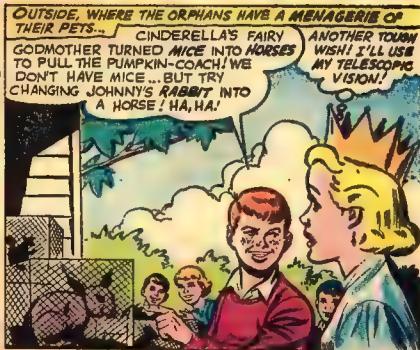
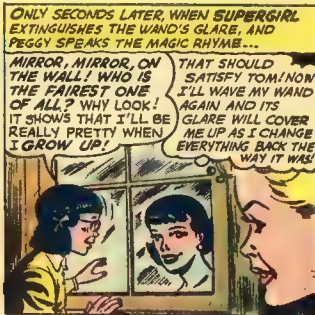
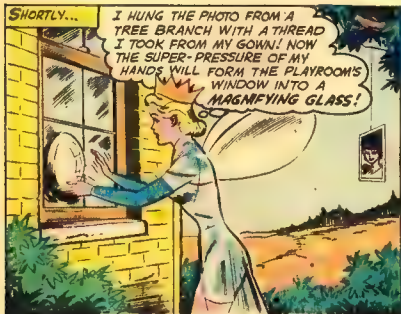


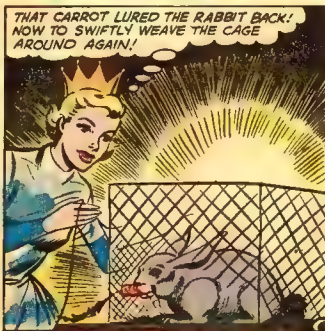
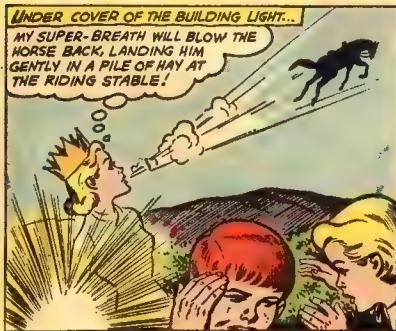
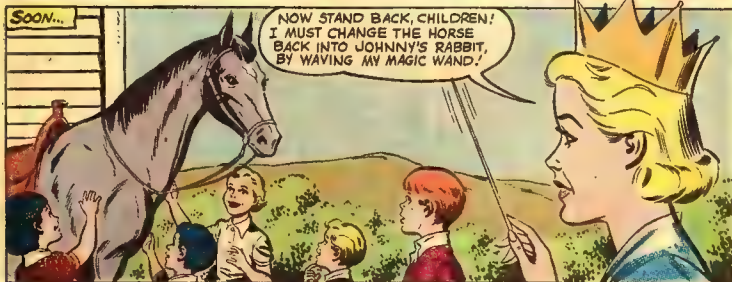
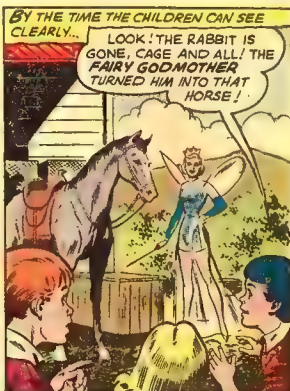


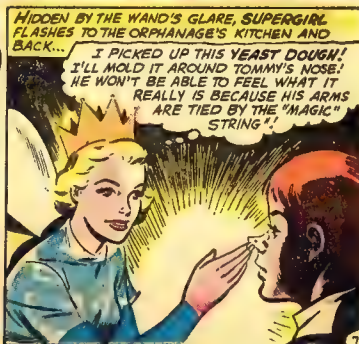
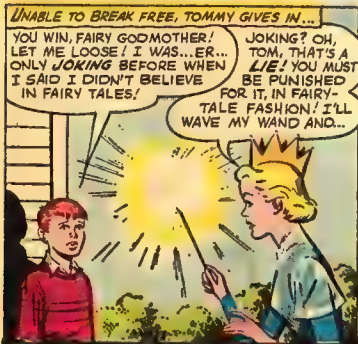
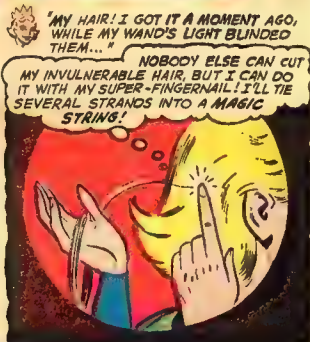
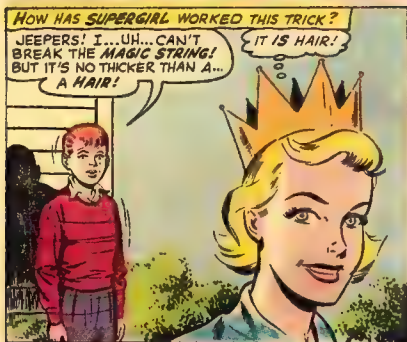
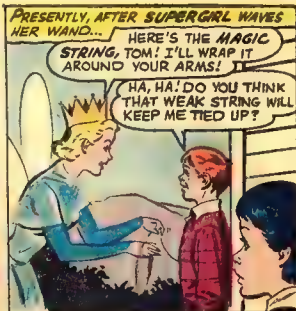
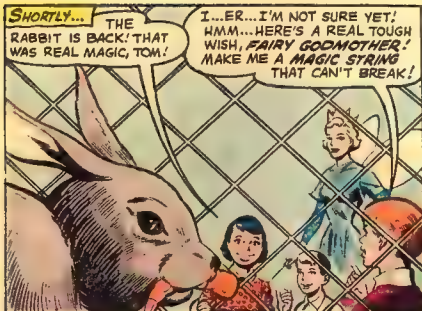


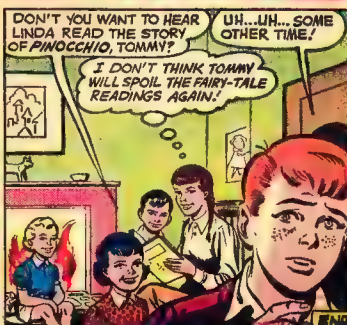
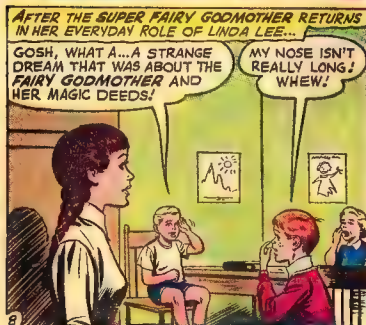
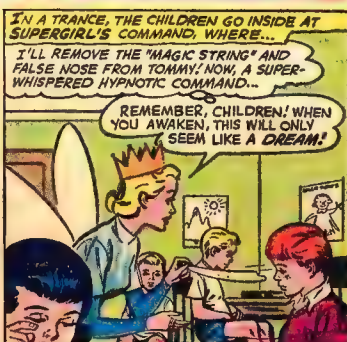
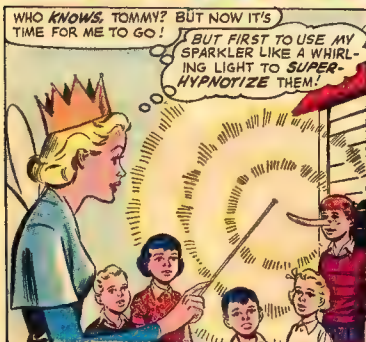
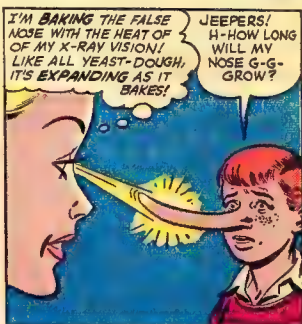
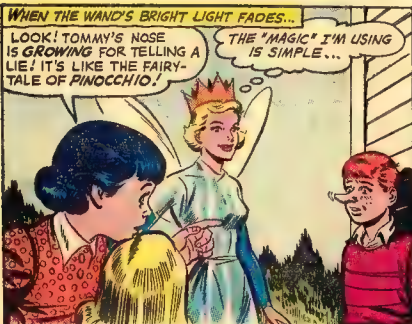
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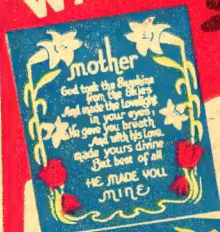
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